Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2014 at 3:30
University Center Room 213

Members present: Brooke Kelly (Senator, and Chair); Judy Curtis (Senator and Chair of Student Publications Board); John Jones (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs); Biruk Kassaw (Student Government Association President); Rose Stremlau (Faculty Member); Erik Tracy (Faculty Member); Aaron Vandermeer (Senator).

Members absent: Lydia Gan (Faculty Member); Cierra Harris (Student Government Association Representative).

Also present: Patricia Fields (GPAC).

Recording Secretary: Rose Stremlau.

A. Call to Order
   a. The meeting was called to order by Chair Brooke Kelly at 3:30 p.m.
   b. Members introduced themselves.
   c. It was agreed that Patricia Fields would continue to come to this committee meeting despite restructuring.

B. Election of secretary
   a. Chair Kelly called for a volunteer to serve as secretary. Rose Stremlau volunteered to fill this position for the academic year.

C. Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2014, Meeting
   a. The minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting of the Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee submitted by Aaron Vandermeer were approved.

D. Approval of Agenda
   a. The agenda was distributed by Chair Kelly and approved.

E. Report from the Chair
   a. Chair Kelly read description of committee from handbook: “The Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee studies and makes recommendations about areas of student affairs or campus life, either those referred to it or initiated by it. The committee is responsible for the Student Publication Board.”

F. Reports from the Chair of the Student Publication Board
a. Judy Curtis explained composition and function of Student Publication Board, which is composed of the three faculty advisors of the publications, a representative from the faculty, the three student editors of campus publications, an SGA representative, and the associate vice chancellor for student affairs; the Board serves as the arbitrator in the event that censorship pressures arises but not to provide active oversight of the day-to-day workings of the publications.

G. Report from the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

a. John Jones shared handout explaining organization and mission of the division of Student Affairs.
b. Emphasized that he welcomes feedback.
c. Summarized outcome of initiative, in conjunction with SGA, to better utilize outdoor space on campus
   i. Pavilion opening 9/19/14: can be used informally by all members of campus community and reserved for functions; space will be enforced as no-smoking zone.
   ii. Outdoor concert at football stadium tentatively scheduled for 4/17, 25, or 25, 2015 with Mike Severy and Cynthia Oxendine tasked to bring big-name act to campus; suggestions welcome.
d. Evaluation of student fees and their usage underway; potential increase capped at 5% and needs and concerns to be evaluated; Jones emphasized that case must be made if fees are to be raised.
e. Ongoing process of evaluation of UC and UC Annex with goal of better utilizing space and providing more cohesion between two buildings; anticipated construction would occur in 4-5 phases; Jones will share plans with committee at next meeting.
f. Renovations being considered to North and Belk Halls to bring them online and address aging, failing bathrooms.
g. Departments currently in Annex being relocated to better accommodate needs of students and maximize available space, particularly for use by students, including SGA.
h. Student Health Services being relocated into Health Sciences Building, which will leave the current Student Health Services Building open; possible use as Emergency Management Center but will seek input and consideration in future.
i. Questions:
   i. Chair Kelly asked for clarification about the process for reallocating space like the Student Health Services Building, and Jones summarized process involving Space and Allocation Committee.
   ii. Judy Curtis asked about the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Health and Student Wellness, and Jones explained that interrelated positions have been consolidated under Lisa Schaeffer to maximize efficiency.
iii. Jones then asked for questions re: use of e-cigarettes on campus, which other committees are discussing as well; committee members expressed concerns about their use.

H. Report from Student Government Association
   a. Biruk Kassaw updated committee on SGA’s partnership with Sodexo to raise awareness of and funds to respond to hunger in the community.
      i. Shirts for sale on 9/26 and upcoming walk-a-thon.
      ii. Aaron Vandermeer asked for update on getting nutrition and allergy information on menu/food displays; Kassaw responded that nutrition information is now available with allergy information pending.
   b. Association for Student Government, which is composed of the presidents of the student body of all 17 UNC system schools, rotates its meetings among campuses and will meet at UNCP on Nov. 20-21; currently working to lobby BOG for ASG President to vote (currently have a seat but not vote).
   c. SGA working on voter registration in anticipation of fall election.
   d. SGA working with Purnell Swett High School’s SGA on a mentoring/apprenticeship program.

I. Old Business
   a. None.

J. New Business
   a. Aaron Vandermeer raised issue of difficulty organizing summer camps on campus. He hopes committee can help streamline cooperation among departments, students, and administration for the benefit of all and as means to further UNCP’s reputation in the community.
      i. Judy Curtis and Patricia Fields provided suggestions for possible models of successful camps on and off campus for further investigation.
      ii. Chair Kelly will invite Derek Hunt and Cammie Hunt to future meeting to further discuss this issue.
   b. Biruk Kassaw urges increased social events, particularly throughout campus.
      i. Patricia Fields offers space in front of GPAC.
      ii. Eric Tracy and Rose Stremlau make suggestions about increased utilization of green space.
      iii. Jones concurs and said that is on the agenda, including for potential UC remodel.
   c. Rose Stremlau asks if UC remodel will include office/meeting space for student organizations, and Jones replies that he is aware of need and is working to maximize space for students groups to meet and store materials.
   d. Biruk Kassaw urges more faculty-student interaction in social settings.

K. Adjournment
   a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by: Rose Stremlau.